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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the bill to extend the state of emergency till October 2022. I cannot see how the Queensland government can justify this obvious power grab. It seems to me that our state premiers have become drunk on the powers these state of emergencies have granted and don't want to give them up. The media and the government have exaggerated the severity of the covid situation to such an extent that a rational person cannot see this as anything short of intentional lying.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has said that 2,639 people have died with of of covid with only 83 of that number purely of covid. It states the average age of death is 83.7 for males and 86 for females. This "emergency" has claimed less lives in almost 3 years than what the seasonal flu did in 2018 at around 3000 deaths.

[ABS covid deaths breakdown.](#)

[ABS influenza deaths 2018](#)

This "pandemic" has been used to justify serious overreach of government power, disregard for our constitutional and humanitarian rights, damage jobs and businesses and create a two tier society that saw the reintroduction of discrimination as policy.

Queensland's have suffered enough and it is time for the QLD government to hand back the excessive powers that were given to them under false pretence. I strongly oppose the call to extend the state of emergency and hope the QLD government starts taking steps to rebuild the broken trust of the people they serve.

Kind regards,  
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